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Sri A. Ratnam :—"May I know why the Government are not extending any help or allotting any money to the occupiers of these slums who are Harijans, in the City of Madras as also in the mofussil?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—"A separate question may be put."

Closure of industrial concerns in Malabar.

* 823 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many industrial concerns were closed partially or wholly in Malabar in the last one year;

(*b*) how many workers were affected; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken by the Government to get the concerns reopened?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(*a*) Fourteen industrial concerns were closed in Malabar district during the period from 1st January 1953 to 31st July 1954. Except one, the rest were permanently closed.

"(*b*) 1,791.

"(*c*) As and when industrial disputes arise over the question of closure of industrial establishments, they are examined and deserving cases referred to the Industrial Tribunals. The workers thus seek relief through the Industrial Tribunals in the shape of compensation. The Government consider that they cannot compel an employer to open his factory either through judicial or executive actions, if the closure of the factory is due to bona fide causes."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Did the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act in respect of lay-off wages, etc., apply to any of these concerns closed and if so with what result?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"The provisions relating to lay-off wages, no doubt, apply to these concerns that were closed. But regarding further particulars, I would like to have notice."

Tenancy legislation for South Kanara.

* 824 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 48, 49 and 50 on 15th December 1953, when the Government propose to introduce the proposed tenancy legislation for South Kanara?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"No final decision has yet been reached by the Government. Meanwhile action has been taken to extend the life of the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection Act, 1954."

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Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know why the Government did not bring the legislation within one year as was promised when the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants' Protection Act, 1954, was passed? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" It was not practicable. That is why this House has extended the life of the Act."

9 a.m. Sri C. H. KANARAN :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the Minister from South Kanara is standing in the way of legislation? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, I do not know. But he is not standing in my way of going there and that is all what I can say." (Laughter.)

Overseas scholarship.

* 825 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students from the Madras State selected for overseas scholarship in the year 1953–54;

(*b*) the amount granted by the Union Government for overseas scholarships to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes students of this State; and

(*c*) the number of Scheduled Class persons among them?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No student from this State was selected for Overseas Training under the Government of India Overseas Scholarship Scheme during the year 1953–54.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Discharge of women workers from textile mills.

* 826 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Industrial Tribunal appointed a special officer with the consent of the State Government during 1951 to determine the amount of compensation due to each woman who was discharged from service in 32 textile mills of Coimbatore during 1948?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" On the recommendation of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, the Government appointed the Labour Officer, Coimbatore, as Special Officer, to determine the amounts of compensation due to each worker who was discharged from service in the 32 textile mills in Coimbatore district as a result of standardization of workloads."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" 1951-ம் வருஷத்தில் ஸ்பெஷல் ஆபீசர் செய்த சிபாரிசு சமீபத்தில்தான்வெளியாகி இருக்கிறது. அதன் பிரகாரம் பல மில்களில் பணத்தைக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா என்றால் இல்லை.